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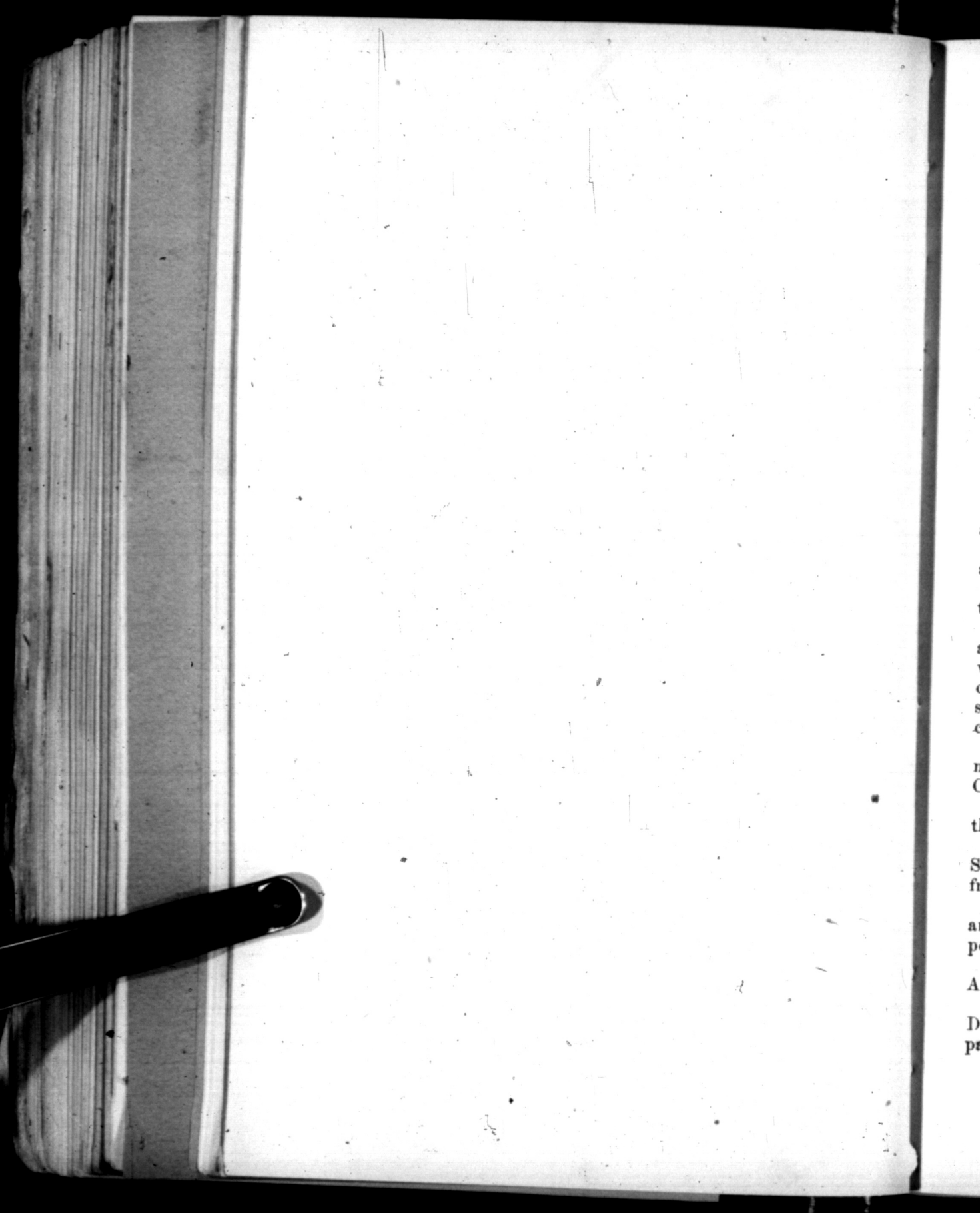
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The Pearl River Baptist Association met in its Seventy-third Annual Session, with the Columbia Baptist Church, Marion county, Mississippi, Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D., 1892.

The Moderator read the 80th division of the Psalms. The congregation united in singing "Jesus, lover of my soul." Elder J. A. Scarborough led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business. Brethren J. B. Dale and J. A. Scarborough were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brethren M. A. Sheppard and Z. P. Jones were appointed a Committee on Finance.

The letters from the churches were read and the names of the delegates enrolled on the minutes.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and petitionary letters called for, when a petitionary letter was read from Clear Springs Baptist Church, Lawrence county, Miss., which was received, and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator, she becoming a member of this Association.

On motion, the following officers were elected by acclamation: R. R. Turnage, Moderator; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk; N. S. Buckley, Treasurer.

The Association adjourned to listen to the preaching of the Introductory Sermon. Benediction by the Moderator.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder C. P. Sheppard, after which the congregation participated in refreshments.

The Association convened in the house at 2 o'clock P.M., and after singing, prayer was offered by Bro. J. P. Culpeper.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises: Wade Polk, John Watts, and the pastor and deacons of Columbia Church.

Correspondence was received as follows:



From the Hobolochitto Association—A letter by her messengers, J. L. Bryant and J. J. McArthur.

From the Fair River—By her messengers, D. M. Lee, Joseph Dale, T. H. Butler and J. A. Scarborough.

From the Bogue Chitto—Elder A. F. Davis, messenger.

From the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—J. R. Carter.

From the student body of Mississippi College—Elder M. A. Sheppard.

The hand of welcome was extended to the messengers by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

From the Pearl River (col.) Association—A letter and minutes by her messengers, G. D. Dukes and J. M. Pitman.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

To the Bogue Chitto Association—Brethren M. A. Sheppard, E. A. Hamlin, R. R. Turnage, and W. C. Maxwell to write.

To the Fair River—Brethren C. P. Sheppard, J. Q. Kyzer, W. J. Armstrong, W. C. Maxwell, S. T. Price, Z. P. Jones; Bro J. P. Culpepper to write.

To the Pearl Leaf—Brethren J. W. Cox, J. M. Polk, L. J. Newsom, J. Q. Bass and Elder J. R. Carter; Bro. J. M. Polk to write.

To the Strong River—Brethren J. P. Culpepper, T. C. Maxwell, and Bro. D. A. Scarborough to write.

To the Magee's Creek—Brethren John Pittman, Henry Pope, M. A. Sheppard, J. D. Holmes; Bro. Henry Pope to write.

To the Copiah—Brethren John Brown, T. C. Maxwell; Bro. J. W. Cox to write.

To the Pearl River (col.)—Brethren C. P. Sheppard, S. T. Price; Bro. M. A. Sheppard to write.

To the Hobolochitto—Brethren C. P. Sheppard, E. A. Hamlin as our messengers; J. Q. Bass to write.

To the Baptist State Convention—Brethren N. S. Buckley, C. P. Sheppard, J. P. Culpepper, T. C. Maxwell, M. L. Banks, J. W. Cox, M. A. Sheppard, D. A. Scarborough and W. J. Armstrong.

To the West Pearl River—Brethren M. A. Sheppard, C. P. Sheppard, W. V. Jones, E. A. Hamlin; Bro. W. V. Jones to write.

Committees were appointed as follows:

*On Intemperance*—Brethren N. C. Hathorn and Elder J. A. Scarborough.

*On State Missions*—Brethren W. J. Armstrong and C. C. Boyd.

*On Home Missions*—Elder M. A. Sheppard and T. C. Maxwell.

*On Foreign Missions*—Elder J. R. Carter and J. Q. Bass.

*On Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*—Elder J. R. Carter and John T. Lenoir.

*On Ministerial Support*—J. B. Dale and D. A. Scarborough.

*On Mississippi College*—J. P. Culpepper and J. W. Cox.

*On Ministerial Education*—W. S. Varnadore and Henry Pope.

*On Publications*—W. C. Maxwell and J. H. Johnston.

*On Obituaries*—B. S. Watts and Z. P. Jones.

*On Sunday Schools*—W. V. Jones and W. W. Rives.

*On Woman's Work*—W. W. Rives.

*On Abstracts*—J. W. Cox and W. R. Pitman.

*On Colportage Work*—E. A. Hanlin and E. J. Pitman.

*On Apportionment*—Brethren D. A. Scarborough, J. D. Holmes, Z. P. Jones, J. H. Johnston, J. W. Cox, J. Q. Bass, J. M. Polk, W. J. Stovall, W. R. Pitman, C. C. Boyd, H. F. Moak, Z. T. Doughdrill, S. T. Price, J. T. Lenoir, John Pitman, N. C. Hathorn.

On motion, a vote was taken relative to the place of holding the next session of this Association, which resulted in the choice of Magee's Creek Church, Pike county, Miss.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report:

That Eld. J. A. Scarborough preach at the Columbia Baptist church at 8 o'clock p.m., and Bro. J. P. Culpepper conduct the prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock; and Eld. J. R. Carter preach at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock, and Eld. J. A. Scarborough preach at the Methodist church at the same hour. Sunday School Mass Meeting at 2:30 o'clock p.m. at Baptist and Methodist church; and Bro. J. P. Culpepper preach at the Columbia Baptist church at 8 o'clock p.m.

J. R. CARTER, Chairman.

Adopted.

#### REPORT ON SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee commends most heartily our Seminary located in Louisville, Ky., to the favorable consideration, patronage and support of our Southern Baptists. It is our

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institution, and supplies one of our greatest needs—that of an educated ministry. It does not make preachers, but simply educates those whom God calls, if they will go there and study. Everything studied there throws light directly or indirectly on Scripture interpretation or practical Christianity.

The Seminary is under the management of the wisest and noblest of men. It is firmly established and will this year complete the main building which will supply the needs of the Seminary in this respect for many years to come.

It has three courses of study besides special studies: 1st. The Pastor's Course, one year. 2d. The English Course, which requires two sessions for completion. 3d. The Full Course, including Hebrew and Greek, requiring three years for completion. It is a school for the poor as well as the rich.

It has an endowment, the interest of which is sufficient to meet the current expenses, so that tuition is free to all.

There is also connected with the Seminary a student's fund, kept up by voluntary contributions, out of which such students as need it may receive help—some having their board paid for the entire session—and by this means the Seminary is accessible to almost all classes. The attendance during the last year was the largest and most prosperous the Seminary ever had.

Brethren, we ought to look out men whom we believe are called of God and induce them to go to the Seminary, and then help support them while there, and thereby help them to preach the Gospel to us and help the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CARTER, Chairman.

Discussed by J. R. Carter and Henry Pope, and adopted.

#### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support would submit the following:

The question of Ministerial Support, in many of our country churches has become a matter of grave importance. Not that they are actually sustaining the ministry better than in the past, but rather because it has become a matter of discussion among the brethren. It is needless to say that the pastor who has the hearty support of his churches, and whose whole time is spent in preparation for his services, will be more effectual in his work, and his churches enjoy a greater degree of prosperity than with the minister who is compelled, from want of this support, to labor five



days in the week for the maintenance of himself and family.

The church that would rise to the height of its privilege and enjoy the full measure of God's blessings, must sustain its pastor that his whole time be spent in ministering unto the church.

If we as a denomination would keep pace with the times, in Christianity, the world, we must more effectually prepare our ministry for the best work. The hands of the old ministers are to be held up. The young must be educated to the needs of the times, or we must see our churches languishing in the race. Time is too precious now for our ministry to work out an education by slow degrees as they have in days gone by.

The progress of the times is too great, the hosts of Satan too mighty for the churches to overcome with an unsustained and an incompetent ministry.

Therefore, the laboring ministry must be sustained by the churches, that they may be built up by their continued pastoral services. The young ministers must be educated and fully prepared for work according to the pressing demands of the times.

To do this, Christians must give of their means. They must realize that the ministry fully sustained is the effectual instrument in God's hands in carrying out the last and great command of our blessed Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Preachers are God's teachers, and they dare not teach blindly. Time must be consumed in preparation. They must eat and wear as other men do. Then the churches must supply the deficiency or continue to merit the just condemnation of a long forbearing God upon themselves and their posterity.

Could we but fully realize the fact that all we have belongs to God, and that He requires a portion of it at our hands for the advancement of Christ's kingdom; could we but fully realize the meaning of the Scripture, which says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and that God loves a cheerful giver, then would we come with our offerings and the ministry be fully sustained, and our churches be built up and God's blessings encompass the land.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN B. DALE, Chr'm Com.

Discussed by brethren J. B. Dale, M. A. Sheppard, D. A. Scarborough, J. M. Polk, J. W. Cox, W. J. Armstrong and Z. T. Doughdrill. Adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning, 8 o'clock, Benediction by Bro. J. R. Carter.

## SUNDAY EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock, A.M., conducted by Bro. J. P. Culpepper. Preaching at the Baptist church by Eld. J. B. Carter, and at the Methodist church by Eld. J. A. Scarborough; Sunday-School mass meeting at 2:30 o'clock at both of said churches. The congregations were large and attentive, and we trust much good was done in the Master's kingdom.

## SECOND DAY.

## MONDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read from the 2d chapter General Epistle of Peter, and singing a hymn of praise; prayer was offered by Elder A. F. Davis.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Eld. T. D. Fortenberry and Bro. Joda Ball were received as Messengers from the Magee's Creek Association, and a letter and minutes.

Eld. J. E. Davis was received as Messenger from the Pearl Leaf Association, with a letter and minutes.

Eld. B. A. Crawford was received a Messenger from the Bogue Chitto Association; and the hand of welcome extended to the Messengers by the Moderator.

Corresponding letters to our sister Associations were read and approved.

Reports of Committees were continued as follows:

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

"Last at the cross, and first at the tomb." woman has never failed to bear her part of the burden in the advancement of our dear Saviour's cause; here upon earth; her loyalty to the cause is unquestioned. It is with deep regret, however, that your committee finds the woman's work in this Association in such an unorganized condition. There are four Societies in the Association of eighteen churches. In union there is strength, and we recognize in those Societies great capabilities for good. This good is two-fold as all other

works of love for the Master are. It affords an opportunity for developing its membership in the Christian life. Without works there is no growth, and it ministers unto his needs in that it helps his needy ones. We earnestly urge that every pastor in this Association organize a Ladies' Society in each church under his care. We also recommend that they co-operate with the Central Committee of which Mrs. Nellie D. Deupree, of Jackson, Miss., is Secretary. We hope and pray, that another Associational year shall see the sisters and pastors awake to the interest of the Master in this direction, and that each church in our bounds may at our next meeting report a well organized Society doing much good for his His cause who did so much for us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. RIVERS, Chairman.

Discussed by W. W. Rivers and Elder J. R. Carter.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to submit the following :

Our growth as Christians in intellectual and spiritual culture is dependent upon the character of the literature we read.

Pure air and wholesome food, are necessary to our physical development, so also sound and healthful literature is necessary for our moral and spiritual development.

The question what shall we read, and what shall we study, are questions of deep concern. Inspiration speaks by commands, saying, study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. The importance of studying and reading God's word is implied in the value of the soul, and of divine authority.

Of course the Bible is the first of all books—the source of Law, Truth and Grace.

Jesus says, search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of me. There is no occupation or calling that does not require study. Neither can our churches be aggressive without an intelligent membership; therefore we should fill our minds with the good things that are constantly issued from the press of our denomination, that we may be armed and equipped for the work that lies out before us in meeting the enemy of truth.

Again, we should look well to the God-given work of training our children; we should see that the literature read



by them is pure and free from skepticism, and infidelity ; let us put aside every book and paper that is immoral and does not elevate and refine.

As Baptists we are a peculiar people ; with doctrines and views peculiar to ourselves. Our mission is to evangelize the world, and give to its inmates the word of God, which is the embodiment of our doctrines and confession of faith. In making known the Truth there are many auxiliaries. We would first recommend the Southern Baptist Record as an important factor in our work. It brings the brotherhood of the State together into one family, and enables us to understand each other, and what we are doing in the various fields of Christian labor. We would also recommend The Foreign Mission Journal, and the Home Field ; these will help us to become familiar with the Home and Foreign work. For Sunday-Schools we recommend Kind Word series, papers and helps. Also, we call attention to the great work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

In supplying the denomination with sound Baptist literature, knowing and realizing the influence that reading has upon any people, and especially the effect it has upon our children and those that are within our households, how earnestly should we as parents labor that pure and solid literature find a welcome to those that are within our influence, so that our conscience will not be daily and hourly piercing us with not having complied with our duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MAXWELL, Chairman.

Discussed by W. C. Maxwell and Henry Pope.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

1st. The work of State Missions is no longer an experiment. Year by year the work and influence of the Board have steadily grown. One Association after another have come into active and hearty co-operation with the State Convention Board.

2d. We deem it necessary to give an outline of the workings of the Conventional Board. It having a Corresponding Secretary, whose work has been to go among the churches and Associations, preaching the gospel, giving information with reference to the work, etc., by sending out faithful men to preach the gospel and organize churches in destitute places ; by aiding feeble churches at important centres of population and influence, in securing and supporting efficient pastors ; by employing men as evangelists to aid pastors in special meetings ; to remove and develop

weak and declining churches by sending out missionary and Sunday School colporteurs to distribute Bibles, tracts and other religious and denominational literature, and to instruct and establish Sunday Schools. The Board has sought to promote the usefulness, activity and liberty of our Baptist women by encouraging the formation of Woman's Missionary Societies.

We at once see that system is necessary to succeed in every department of our work, and nowhere is it more needful than in our benevolence. Practical common sense agrees with Scripture in saying we must have stated times for every one to lay by him in store as God has prospered him. We have made during the past Associational year a greater stride towards systematic benevolence than ever before, and the results have been gratifying in a very high degree. A contribution from every member within the bounds of this Associational territory to every object fostered by the Association, is the motto of our present system. Surely it will take time to accomplish this, but it can be done, and, brethren, for the Master's honor it must be done.

The work must be done, too, in its details by the pastors and members of the churches. Our Secretary must spend much of his time in his office, and even when on the field, he must organize the forces rather than take up collections. The matter of collecting then is thrown back upon the churches, where Paul, the greatest and wisest of all agents, put it, when he said that there be no gathering when I come. The contributions of our churches to missions, both State and foreign, have largely increased since this Board was organized, and it is a fact worthy of special mention, that this increased mission spirit among our people has been in the main most fully developed among those churches and Associations which have co-operated heartily with the State Board.

The work assigned to this Board is of very great importance. The entire western portion of our Conventional territory bordering on the Mississippi river, from Memphis to the Gulf, is mostly a mission field. In this field are some of the most prominent cities in our State. There are many towns and villages along our lines of railroad where our brethren are too weak to support the preaching of the gospel. With a little help for a year or so these churches will become not only self-supporting, but also liberal contributors to all our denominational enterprises. Then, again,

there are many country fields where large and influential churches can be gathered by missionary labor.

We would recommend especially that the delegates of the respective churches forming this Association would leave nothing undone in their efforts to carry into effect through their prayers and means the great and grand work of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

Discussed by W. J. Armstrong and J. R. Carter.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following:

Ten years ago the Convention, then in session at Greenville, South Carolina, decided to remove the Board from Marion, Alabama, to Atlanta, Georgia. It was then in a critical condition, and the future seemed wrapped in gloom. All the territory west of the Mississippi river was lost to it and that on the east was by no means united. How to unite this territory and get it in working order was then the question. The undertaking seemed almost hopeless, yet holy men of God did undertake the work. Some of the results we can see, but the full fruition of their work eternity alone can tell.

During the past ten years the Board has employed 2,692 missionaries, constituted 2,290 churches, organized 2,117 Sunday Schools, built 640 houses of worship, secured 67,169 additions to the church, and expended \$1,320,000. This is not a bad report for ten years' labor. Especially is this true when we consider the circumstances under which it was commenced.

The work is growing, and the needs for more work and larger contributions are increasing. The Home Board has for its field of labor the home field. This comprises our own country, together with the island of Cuba. In our own country there is a large foreign element. Every year this foreign element is increasing. Germans, Swedes and Chamen come pouring in upon us, so that there is great danger that unless we Christianize them, they will Romanize us. Besides this, most of our large cities are cesspools of vice and crime. Our work in these needs to be strengthened. The more plainly will this be seen when we consider that these cities are destined to be centres of influence. Along the frontiers and the mountainous districts the people are largely Baptist, but they need to be brought up to a



realization of Christian duty. If we do not go in and possess the field others will.

Then there stands at our own door the colored man. We know his history and his tenets. We cannot ignore his needs. It has been practically demonstrated that he is capable of a higher life. He is ever ready to hear instructions from the white man, and we need consecrated men to go among them and teach them the Bible. This will make better citizens of them.

Then there is the Indian—the man whom our forefathers pushed out from his forest home—calling to us for the bread of eternal life; so that really from every quarter comes the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." What shall be done? The men can be found if the means can be raised. Shall the means be raised? This question our great brotherhood must answer. If we could all be brought up to a realization of our duty, the work for the next year could be more than double what it has been for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. SHEPPARD,  
T. C. MAXWELL,  
Committee.

Discussed by M. A. Sheppard, J. A. Scarborough and J. R. Carter.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By Foreign Missions, as distinguished from State and Home Missions, is meant mission work in foreign lands, as China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico; and by mission work is meant simply preaching the Gospel to people who have it not.

The preaching of the Gospel among the heathen differs in nothing from the preaching of the Gospel here, except that it is made more difficult to get at the people on account of their ignorance, superstition and prejudice. It is not necessary to argue that the heathen are lost without the Gospel. Certainly the heathen are sinners, and therefore are already lost and must remain so unless they are saved. The question then is, how are they to be saved? If we hold to the Baptist hobby, "Sticking to the Bible," we find in Acts, 4:12, Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Eph., 2.08, By grace are ye saved through faith. Faith in Christ Jesus, of course. Romans, 10-14. How then shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? So then they must hear the Gospel which is the power of God unto the salvation of every one that believeth.

In order that the natives might hear, Christ said to the early preachers, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Mark, 16:15. And Paul asks the question, how they can preach except they be sent.

Now, brethren, here it is: the nations are lost without the Gospel. If they are saved they must have the Gospel. If they have the Gospel somebody must preach it to them, and in order for somebody to preach it to them they must be sent. Now whom shall we send? Answer: Preacher, of course. Who should send them? Answer: The churches. That is the Bible way. Paul was a missionary to the nations, and he says that the churches ministered unto his necessities. That is our way now. Preachers are sent to preach to the heathen and the churches minister to their necessities.

Our Foreign Mission Board is the medium through which this is done. It is composed of wise, Christian men, who are worthy of utmost confidence both as to their honesty and executive ability. It is their business to study the mission fields as to their needs, and with the aid of the missionaries already there, look out suitable places for opening new stations and looking out suitable persons to occupy those stations, and then send out appeals to the churches for the means to support them there. And brethren, we owe it to those benighted ones to give them the Gospel, by which they may be saved from sin, and shame, and eternal damnation. Yea, we owe it to Him who died that they as well as we might be saved, and whose rightful inheritance they are.

After the foregoing explanation of our obligations and relations to the mission work, your committee would report cheering news from all the fields. All except one report baptisms during last year; in all 434 were baptized; Mexico alone reports 127. This shows that the Lord is blessing us, and it ought to stimulate us to greater zeal in the work of giving the Gospel to the heathen.

We have in foreign lands ninety-seven missionaries, assisted by eighty-one native preachers. These to work among more than a thousand millions of heathen! Not more than one preacher to one hundred and seventy thousand heathen! Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Our Southern Baptist Convention has undertaken to celebrate this the centennial of our modern missions, by sending out one hundred missionaries. God help them to do it, and brethren, let us help them.

It will require more general giving and larger contributions. The Board will need two hundred thousand dollars. Southern Baptists have got the money, if they are only

willing to give. The Pearl River Association ought to give her share. Your Committee recommends that the pastors of churches in this Association talk up the work among the members, and make a special effort for liberal contributions, so that our churches may be blessed, and the cause of our Master advanced.

Your Committee would recommend :

1. That there be a special effort made in all our churches to procure a contribution from each member, and that such plans be adopted by each church as will be best calculated to secure this.
2. That there be taken in each church regular quarterly collections for missions.
3. That our people provide themselves with missionary literature, such as *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Home Field* and *Kind Words*, and inform themselves in regard to the general mission work, as a means of stimulating their greater zeal in the spreading of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CARTER,

J. Q. BASS,

Committee.

Discused by J. R. Carter, Z. T. Doughdrill, C. P. Sheppard, J. P. Culpepper and J. E. Davis.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries report as follows :

During the past year death has taken from among us ten of our membership. We gather from the reports of the churches that two have been called from Bethel, Sisters S. M. Guess and Martha A. Maxwell, whom we believe died in the full triumphs of faith. Sisters Donale Ballard and Mary Daniel, who were members of Magee's Creek Church, have gone to their reward. Bro. B. T. Sanders, a venerable deacon, has been called from Silver Creek Church. He departed this life in the eighty-first year of his age. He died as he had lived, in the triumphs of faith. We would have mentioned the names of all the deceased if they had been given us in the letters from the churches, and while we mourn their loss, we can only say, Thy will be done. Blessed are they that die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. WATTS,

Z. P. JONES,

Committee.

On motion, adjourned one hour for dinner. Benediction by Moderator.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Secretary not being present, on motion, Bro. D. A. Scarborough was appointed Secretary *pro tem* until he could return.

Reports were read, discussed and adopted, as follows :

## REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Nestled amid the vermillion hills of Hinds county, in the historic town of Clinton, is Mississippi College, the pride of the Baptist host of Mississippi. For many long years have your Committee reported the growth and prosperity of the College, but it affords your present Committee supreme delight in presenting this report to bring better tidings than ever before greeted the ears of the Pearl River Association. The past session has been one of the most prosperous that has ever marked her history. The coming of the new president seems to have thrown new life into the efforts of the students. Aided by a faculty of seven members, the College stands in an honorable line with any in the South.

The Committee would recommend the College for the following reasons :

1. It belongs to the Baptists of the State.
2. Its course is thorough and extensive.
3. Moral and religious training are great factors in the College—training the heart with the mind.
4. It has a Christian faculty.
5. Students make their records by the manhood they show and not by the clothes they wear. The past record of the College will only speak for itself. In her classic halls about five thousand young men have found the "golden grain," ground it in her mill, and are now leading spirits in the mercantile world, shining lights in legislative halls, holding the sceptre in the mansions of the Governors, successful teachers, and filling the pulpits of our State, all laboring for one common end—the elevation of humanity. Truly, the College has entered upon an era of wonderful progress. We trust that in going to her eastern home that she is passing on from victory to victory, and will lead



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the Baptist host on from victory to glory, in God's own appointed time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. CULPEPPER,

J. W. Cox,

Committee.

Discussed by J. P. Culpepper and M. A. Sheppard.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We believe that ministers are called of God to the special work of Preaching the Gospel. Men do not choose for themselves the preaching of the gospel; neither are they set apart by any institution of learning. But God calls and men must make the preparation.

Education is Power, and we deem it necessary for every one who would become a power for good, that he be educated, more especially Baptist ministers. Inasmuch as we embrace the Higher Doctrines of the Bible, such as Election and Predestination, Universal Atonement, Limited Redemption, these things are hard to understand, and liable to become a stumbling block to the unlearned; hence the necessity of an educated ministry, that the way of Salvation be made plain—that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein. There has been a great forward movement in our Baptist ranks within the last twenty years, which is largely attributable to the advancement that has been made along the line of *Ministerial Education*, and the Baptists of Mississippi to-day owe their leadership to Mississippi College and other ministerial schools. It is true that he who would instruct must supercede in knowledge those to whom he would give instruction, and as this is a day of educational and intellectual development, the man who would preach to the rising generation must of necessity be educated, and as Mississippi College has done so much for the Baptists of the State we most heartily recommend it as an institution worthy of patronage, and most hearty support, and also recommend that our churches seek out their worthy young men who are called of God, and send them there to be educated. We further recommend that our young ministers avail themselves of a Theological course where it is favorable to do so, and for that purpose we recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky.

W. H. VARNADORE, *Chrm.*

Discussed by W. H. Varnadore, M. A. Sheppard, J. P. Culpepper.

Upon the adoption of the above report a cash collection



was taken up for brethren J. P. Culpepper and Theodore Cox, amounting to \$16.50, and subscription for eighty-five dollars and seventy cents.

#### REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Intemperance, beg leave to report that they have given to this subject the serious thought and investigation which they were able to command, and submit the following with the earnest desire that it may inspire us with more active and persistent effort to suppress the evils of intemperance. In a general survey of this question we recognize and happily greet the fact that aggressive movements on higher planes of organized efforts have been made all along the lines of temperance workers, which should be a source of great satisfaction to Christian civilization. We also realize that the various Christian denominations under the inspiration of a more comprehensive conviction, are giving great prominence to a question as how to more effectually abate the evils of intemperance. The Woman's National Temperance Union is doing a marvelous work in creating a healthy public sentiment in this direction. The various other Temperance orders are moving up on higher grounds, and more effectual action. The only possible common-sense remedy against this crime-producing monster is the systematic organization and application of all moral, religious, political and legal forces, combined together with the mental training of the coming generation on the evils of intemperance. This is the only effectual way of doing away with drunkenness. Let every school be a Seminary of Temperance. Every child should be taught the physical and pathological effect of alcohol. Teachers should be required by law to show the evils which are produced by even moderate doses of this insidious monster. Diagrams carefully prepared, should be used to show the inflammation of the stomach after drinking spirituous liquors. In other words, every child should be taught thoroughly the effects of alcohol. When children are taught that alcohol is poison, that in immoderate doses it destroys the tissues, weakens the digestive organs, impairs the heart's action, and therefore shortens life, then we shall hope for the future. To eradicate this monster-evil we must strike at the root; and that can be done most effectually by engrafting into the text-books of all the public schools the evil effects of alcohol upon the human system.

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been at work for half a century, having for their object the inculcation of temperance doctrines, the amount of whisky, rum, beer and wine consumed is greater now than ever before. According to statistics furnished by census reports, the United States consumed in one year thirty million gallons of wine, four hundred and forty million gallons of beer, and seventy-six million gallons of spirits, making a total of five hundred and forty-six million gallons of spirituous liquors in one year, or an average of over ten gallons per capita of each man, woman and child in our beloved country. It is an intolerable burden to the whole people of these United States; a blight upon every industry; a leech and a vampire sucking the very life-blood out of the nation.

Think of over a billion dollars as our direct annual drink bill, and an equal sum to cover the sad consequences. It is a terrible fact, sad enough to make every lover of Christ and of humanity weep that the two hundred thousand grog shops and the innumerable blind tigers of this nation are doing more to doom the people than all the churches are doing to save them.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. HATHORN, Chairman.

Discussed by N. C. Hathorn, Henry Pope, E. A. Hanlin and J. A. Scarborough.

#### REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your Committee on apportionment would submit the following: That we have apportioned the following amounts to the respective churches composing this body. Antioch, \$5.00; Bethel, \$15.00; Black Jack Grove, \$5.00; Cedar Grove, \$15.00; Crooked Creek, \$25.00; Columbia, \$25.00; Clear Springs, \$10.00; Ebenezer, \$15.00; Hepzibah, \$10.00; Magee's Creek, \$10.00; New Hope (Marion), \$10.00; New Hope (Lawrence), \$5.00; Holly Springs, \$5.00; Pleasant Hill, \$15.00; Providence, \$15.00; Society Hill, \$40.00; Silver Creek, \$20.00; Shiloh, \$5.00.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SCARBOROUGH, Chairman

#### REPORT ON COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your Committee would submit the following: The work is designed for the distribution of religious literature. This is an age when the Press has an influence for evil or good, and it is our duty as Baptists to see that all are furnished

with Baptist literature. Also, to establish and encourage the Sunday School work; and also to encourage a spirit of benevolence and general co-operation in denominational work. Your committee would therefore recommend to this Association to continue the colportage work

#### ITEMS OF PERSONAL WORK.

Days of service.....	240
Number of miles traveled.....	2,400
Number of sermons preached.....	28
Church prayer meetings attended.....	18
Sunday Schools organized.....	3
Number of teachers and scholars.....	110
Number of pages of tracts distributed.....	4,000

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. HAMLIN, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

When we speak of Sunday Schools our minds are directed to the study of the Bible and the teaching of the same to children. This brings us to consider our great responsibility of instilling into the minds of the young people things essential to their eternal welfare. The boys and girls are soon to take our places, and by having their minds stored with the truths of the Bible they will be much better prepared to enter upon those duties. Children who have been instructed in the Sunday School are much easier reached from the pulpit, and yield more readily to the wooings of the Spirit than those who have not been thus instructed. This is proven by the number of converts among the young where Sunday Schools have been taught. Therefore we would recommend that those who are employed to teach be characterized by Godliness, having their hearts burdened with the salvation of souls.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. RIVERS,  
W. V. JONES,  
Committee.

#### REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Your committee would submit the following final report: That Elder J. R. Carter preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of this body, and J. P. Culpepper alternate.

JOHN WATTS, Chairman.

REPORT ON ABSTRACTS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following :

*Antioch*—Reports prosperous condition, and ask the prayers of the Association ; T. B. Fortenberry, pastor.

*Bethel*—Reports a lukewarm condition ; B. A. Crawford, pastor.

*Black Jack Grove*—Reports peace and harmony ; B. H. Martin, pastor.

*Cedar Grove*—Reports a revival ; W. E. Fortenberry, pastor.

*Crooked Creek*—Reports as being in a cold condition ; J. C. Buckley, pastor.

*Columbia*—Reports a good condition and hopes to do better ; J. R. Carter, pastor,

*Ebenezer*—Reports peace and harmony ; T. E. H. Robinson, pastor.

*Holly Springs*—Reports as living out of duty ; C. P. Sheppard, pastor.

*Magee's Creek*—Reports prosperity in the Lord's work ; R. R. Turnage, pastor.

*New Hope*—Reports a revival ; R. R. Turnage, pastor.

*Silver Creek*—Reports prosperity and a revival ; R. J. Boone, pastor.

*Society Hill*—Reports a healthy condition, and that they are enjoying God's blessings ; J. R. Carter, pastor.

*Pleasant Hill*—Reports as having enjoyed spiritual blessings during the past year ; B. A. Crawford, pastor.

*Shiloh*—Reports a flourishing condition ; W. H. Fortenberry, pastor.

*Hepzibah*—Reports a precious revival ; S. Morris, pastor.

*Clear Springs*—W. B. Holcomb, pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. PITMAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct and amply sustained by vouchers.

M. A. SHEPPARD, Chr'm.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. S. BUCKLEY,

*In account with the Pearl River Baptist Association:*

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Sep. 10—To amount on hand from last year.....	\$238 70
—To am't received for Associational purposes .....	41 52
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—To amount received for Foreign Missions.	7 00
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Sep. 10—To cash collection on Monday for brethren J. P. Culpepper and T. D. Cox.....	16 50
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## CREDITS.

Sep. 10—By am't paid W. J. Armstrong for printing distributing minutes of 1891.....	\$ 49 90
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Sep. 10—By am't paid J. P. Culpepper and T. D. Cox.....	16 50
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To balance on hand.....	\$150 45
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September 10, 1892.

N. S. BUCKLEY, Treasurer.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to turn over all moneys in his hands for Missions to J. T. Christian, Secretary of Convention Board.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this Association be allowed the privilege to have the minutes printed where he thinks best, and that he be authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer for money necessary to defray the expenses of the same.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be, and are

hereby extended to the members of this church and citizens of Columbia and vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Magee's Creek Baptist Church, in Pike county, Mississippi, twelve miles west of Columbia, on Saturday before the second Lord's day in September, A. D. 1893.

R. R. TURNAGE, MODERATOR.

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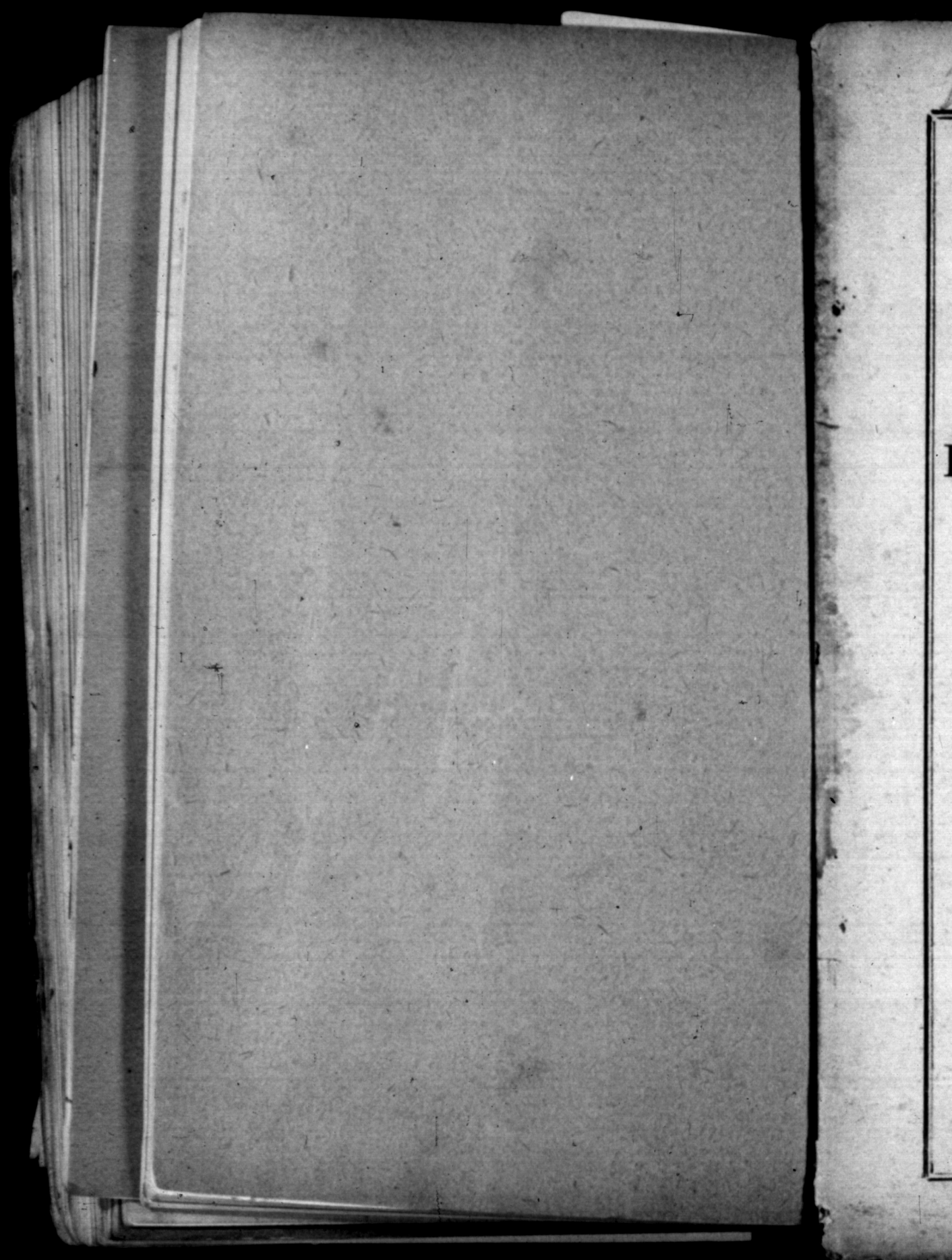
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Antioch .....	Marion .....	Buford .....	N. B. Graham, J. Hammond, J. T. Holmes .....	\$ 1 80	20	2						80	\$ 2 00		F. B. Fortenberry.									
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## MINUTES

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The Pearl River Baptist Association met in its Seventy-fourth Annual Session with the Magee's Creek Baptist Church, Pike county, Mississippi, Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1893.

The Moderator read from the Scriptures, after which the congregation united in singing a hymn of praise and R. v. R. R. Turnage led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business. Brethren J. B. Dale and Wade Poik were appointed reading clerks.

Brethren G. M. Buckley and John I. Ellzey were appointed a committee on Finance.

The letters from the churches were read and the names of the delegates enrolled on the minutes.

On motion, the following officers were elected by acclamation: Rev. R. R. Turnage, Moderator; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk; N. S. Buckley, Treasurer.

On motion, the Association adjourned to listen to the preaching of the Introductory Sermon. Benediction by the Moderator.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by E. d. J. R. Carter, from Matthew xxviii, 19: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

The Association convened in the house according to adjournment, and after singing E. d. J. R. Carter led in prayer.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

Brethren Z. T. Dougherty, D. A. Scarborough and the delegation from Magee's Creek church were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Correspondence was received from the various bodies with whom we correspond, as follows:

From the Hoboiochitto Association—A letter by her messenger, J. I. Hill.

From the Magee's Creek Association—A letter and minutes by her messenger, J. L. Bullock.

On motion, Brethren A. F. Davis and T. R. Beard were received as messengers from the Bogue Chitto Association.

On motion, Bro Yoak Ratcliff, (col.) was received as a messenger from the Pearl River (col.) Association.

The hand of welcome was extended to the messengers by the Moderator, in behalf of the Association.

Correspondence was arranged as follows:

To the Bogue Chitto Association—Brethren J. D. Thornhill, H. F. Moak as our messengers, J. D. Thornhill to write the corresponding letter.

To the Fair River—Brethren D. A. Scarborough, W. C. Maxwell, G. W. Johnston, W. J. Armstrong and J. R. Carter. J. R. Carter to write the corresponding letter.

To the Pearl Leaf Association—Brethren R. C. Murray, N. S. Buckley. J. B. Dale to write the corresponding letter.

To the Strong River Association—Brethren J. R. Carter and J. E. Culpepper. J. P. Culpepper to write the corresponding letter.

To the Magee's Creek Association—Brethren Marshall Davis, W. E. Tarnage and Wade Polk to write the corresponding letter.

To the Copiah Association—Rev. J. R. Carter and Bro. T. C. Maxwell and W. C. Maxwell to write the corresponding letter.

To the Pearl River Colored Association—Brethren J. D. Thornhill, J. A. Davis, W. J. Stovall, W. J. Stovall to write the corresponding letter.

To the Hobolochitto Association—Brethren Z. T. Doughdrill, Wm. Thompson, J. W. Robertson, C. P. Sheppard, J. W. Cox and J. W. Cox to write the corresponding letter.

To the Baptist State Convention—Brethren Wade Polk, J. R. Carter, J. P. Culpepper, J. W. Cox and W. J. Armstrong.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report. That we meet at 10 o'clock in a Sunday School mass meeting, to be conducted by Bro. D. A. Scarborough and Bro. J. P. Culpepper preach in the house at 11 o'clock, and Rev. A. F. Davis preach at the stand at the same hour. One hour's intermission and Bro. J. R. Carter preach and close.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Intemperance—Brethren D. A. Scarborough and C. N. Buckley.

On State Missions—J. B. Dale and Wade Polk.

On Foreign Missions—C. P. Sheppard and W. C. Maxwell.

On Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—J. R. Carter.

On Ministerial Support—G. W. Johnston and W. J. Stovall.

On Mississippi College—J. P. Culpepper and N. S. Buckley.  
On Ministerial Education—W. J. Armstrong and S. W. C. Maxwell.

On Publications—J. T. Dale and G. M. Buckley.

On Obituaries—J. Q. Kyzer and H. F. Moak.

On Sunday Schools—J. R. Carter and J. I. Ellzey.

On Abstracts—J. W. Cox and J. M. Turnage.

On Appointments—W. N. Forbs, Joe Miller, W. C. Mobly, G. W. Johnston, J. B. Dale, Wade Polk, Mac Avery, J. W. Cox, D. A. Scarborough, H. F. Moak, J. B. Cothran, W. E. Turnage, J. I. Ellzey, Benj. Holmes, S. T. Price and Elija Williamson.

On Vocal Music—J. W. Cox, D. A. Scarborough, T. R. Beard, A. A. Davis and Wade Polk.

On motion, the report on Woman's Work was discontinued.

On motion, the sisters and ladies of this Association and community are requested to assemble in the house on to-morrow during the intermission, and that Brethren J. R. Carter and J. P. Culpepper be requested to address them on the subject of woman's work.

On Systematic Giving—J. R. Carter, J. P. Culpepper and J. D. Thornhill.

On Sustentation—C. P. Sheppard, James E. McKeen and S. T. Price.

On motion, a vote was taken relative to the place of holding the next session of this Association, Silver Creek and Clear Springs churches petitioning for it, which resulted in the choice of Clear Springs church, Lawrence county, Miss., located 17 miles east of Monticello and 20 miles north of Columbia.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning, 9 o'clock, and after singing a hymn of praise, Bro. J. I. Hill led in the closing prayer. Benediction by the Moderator.

### SUNDAY EXERCISES.

Mass meeting at 10 o'clock, when there was several addresses by the brethren on the subject of Sunday Schools. At 11 o'clock preaching by the brethren according to arrangement on devotional exercises, to large and attentive congregations. The very best of order prevailed throughout the entire day.



## SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The congregation joined in singing "Amazing Grace," etc., after which Rev. J. R. Carter read the 103rd Psalm, and one half hour was spent in devotional exercises.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Corresponding letters to our sister associations with whom we correspond were read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary was granted the privilege of making corrections in statistical table upon receipts sent him for monies paid, which has not been reported by the churches.

On motion, correspondence was discontinued from the West Pearl River Association.

Reports were read and discussed as follows:

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We your Committee on State Missions would submit the following:

By State Missions is meant mission work in our own State, and by mission work is meant simply preaching the gospel to people who have it not. That we have people in our State who have not the gospel is not doubted. On the Mississippi River from Memphis to the Gulf is mostly a mission field. In this field are some of the most prominent cities in our State. There are many towns and villages on the lines of railroads in our State where our brethren are too weak to support the preaching of the gospel. With a little help for a short time these churches will become self sustaining and make liberal contributions to our denominational enterprises. There are many country fields where large and influential churches can be gathered by missionary labor. The work of our State Board is no longer an experiment, as year by year its work and influence have steadily grown, and its influence is now being felt in the destitute portions of our State. We would recommend that the delegates of the representative churches of this Association leave nothing undone in their efforts to carry into effect the grand work of Missions, that our Board may receive the assistance it needs and merits.

Respectfully submitted,

WADE POLK, Chairman.



## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Master has laid the duty of preaching the gospel to all the world on the shoulders of his church, promising his divine assistance in prosecuting the work and the sanctifying and effective influence of the Holy Spirit to accompany the work, and as much of that part of the world destitute of the gospel of God's free grace is comprised of countries foreign from ours, we believe it to be our duty to maintain the preaching of the gospel in those lands, thus in heathen darkness, and as the blessed Paul saith he did strive to preach Christ where the name of Christ hath not been mentioned, and thus doth God overthrow the king of darkness and of Satan, and enlarge and establish his blessed kingdom of light and peace. Brethren, we know of no better way of bringing this matter practically before the churches than to have the Association to recommend to our brethren to take literature that will inform them on this grand and noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

U. P. SHEPPARD, Chairman.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education is impressed that in this advanced age of civilization and gospel enlightenment, we need no argument as to the importance of an educational training of our young ministers for the work. The great advantage of an educated ministry is admitted by all. The question now is as to the practicability, and the modes and plans or institutions in which it is to be done. That men without education have done great and efficient work in the ministry we frankly admit; yet the same men with preparation might, and doubtless would, have accomplished much more, but passing the question as to importance we would urge the prayerful consideration of acting in the premises upon both the church and young ministers and would recommend our college at Clinton Miss., as a suitable place for the literary training of young ministers and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary located at Louisville, Ky., as the best institution for their theological education. This institution is thoroughly organized and in fine working order, and its faculty is composed of the best talent in America, and our own college at Clinton is also in fine operating condition and has a complete, tried and efficient faculty, composed of our Mississippi Baptist brethren,

and is doing a grand and good work. And it should be remembered that those institutions are the property of the Baptists and are conducted solely by the denomination, and the latter by the Baptists of Mississippi. We need these institutions and they are ours, and deserve and demand our sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ARMSTRONG,  
S. W. C. MAXWELL, Com

#### REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

We, your committee on Mississippi College, beg leave to submit the following:

Mississippi College, located at Clinton, is a worthy institution, as will be seen from the following facts: She has behind her a glorious history amid the struggles against poverty, war and prejudice. Her path has been attended with success on every hand. She has given us more leaders and preachers than any other school in the South. We would recommend the College for the following reasons:

1st. We must look to it for our ministers. The cry comes up from every part of the State and other states calling the sons of the College to deal to them the words of eternal life.

2nd. It is free from many of the evils of a larger city.

3rd. Boys are taught to do right for right's sake.

4th. Its literary advantages are equal to any in the South. The last session of the College was one of the best of its history. About 200 pupils were in attendance, 39 of these preparing for the ministry. Send your boys to the College. It will help the boys. With all the advantages fostered by the College, led by a Christian faculty, we would say it is the place for your boys, as it develops all parts of the student. A Bible study has been introduced in the regular course of study. Indeed, Mississippi College is here to stay. It will live in the hearts of the people as long as the Baptist host hold up the cross of the World's Redeemer.

Respectfully,

JNO. P. CULPEPPER,  
N. S. BUCKLEY, Committee.

#### REPORT ON SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee commends most heartily our Seminary located in Louisville, Ky., to the favorable consideration, patronage and support of our Southern Baptists. It is our institution and supplies one of our greatest needs—that of an educated ministry. It does not make preachers, but simply edu-



cates those whom God calls, if they will go there and study. Everything studied there throws light directly or indirectly on Scripture interpretation or practical Christianity.

The Seminary is under the management of the wisest and noblest men. It is firmly established and will this year complete the main building, which will supply the needs of the Seminary in this respect for many years to come.

It has three courses of study besides special studies. 1st, the Pastors course—one year; 2nd, the English course, which requires two years for completion; 3rd, the full course, including Hebrew and Greek, requiring three years for completion. It is a school for the poor as well as the rich.

It has an endowment, the interest of which is sufficient to meet the current expenses, so that tuition is free to all. There is also connected with the Seminary a Student's Fund, kept up by voluntary contributions; out of which such students as need it may receive help, some having their board paid for the entire session, and by this means the Seminary is accessible to almost all classes. The attendance during last year was the largest and most prosperous the Seminary ever had. Brethren, we ought to look out men whom we believe are called of God and induce them to go to the Seminary, and then help support them while there and thereby help them to preach the Gospel to us and help the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CARTER, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee have only time to say that the New Testament requires that they who labor in the ministry are to be supported. The inspired Apostle Paul, where he wrote to the Corinthian brethren on this subject, referred to the provision made for the support of the Old Testament ministry, and then adds: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." The work of the pastor is great and important in all its bearings, and should occupy not only his mind and heart, but all his time. It is the Divine will that they who are called to this work should consecrate to it all their time and power if possible; and brethren, we know they cannot reasonably do this unless supported by their churches. In view, then, of the importance of this subject, we would recommend to all our churches to labor earnestly to loose the hands of their pastors from secular employment so that they may discharge their duties as pastors promptly and efficiently, and build up a happier and more efficient min-

istry. We know that the majority of our churches are very slow in paying their ministers or pastors and the only way we can see to remedy this cause is for the deacons to try to collect the pastor's salary and pay it quarterly, as it would work no hardship on the church and be much better for the pastor than at the end of the year or eighteen months.

Respectfully,

G. W. JOHNSTON,  
W. J. STOVALL.

#### REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Intemperance, would report the following:

That the Christian people of our State have great reason to congratulate themselves to see the liquor traffic receding from their borders. The saloons and dramshops are becoming less in number and their attendant evils are being lessened, until today our young people—who are the hope of our country—are being freed from the destructive influences of the liquor habit and this prolific source of evil and immorality, with all its attendant vices and crimes, is being supplanted by other and better institutions, which will work for better for our moral development and spiritual upbuilding. But, after all, our moral effort and Christian endeavor to drive this dire evil from our borders, yet there is no reason for relaxation of effort, but there is great cause for our united and continued effort, national in our ideas, to suppress this great and fruitful source of evil. When we remember that in most parts of our great Republic this evil yet remains to decoy the weak, to impair and retard Christian work and to leave the hearts of Christian fathers and mothers, and wives and children rent and bleeding, which is one of the painful returns it makes to those who patronize it. Then another great evil of intemperance is the financial blight and ruin which it is sowing broadcast over our land, leaving many homes in our country wrecked and blighting the hopes and destroying the prospects of multiplied thousands of human souls for a happy eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SCARBOROUGH, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We feel that the Sunday School, as a department of church



work, can not be too strongly urged, since it is wider in its scope of beneficence of any other, reaching into the scope of instruction from the child just beginning to lis of Jesus to the Father in Israel who is ready to cross over the river. It is second only in importance to the preaching of the Gospel. It is in fact or should be the forerunner of the Gospel to make straight the way and prepare a people for every impression by the power of the Gospel. In the Sunday School we may take the child almost in infancy and throw around it the blessed influence of God's truth, and also the moral and religious influence of Christian people and then preserve it from the hardening influences of sin and at an early age it will be taught to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Another important idea of Sunday School work is the training of church members into lives of Christian influence. We very greatly deplore the idea prevalent among our people that the Sunday School is a place for children and that mainly for their entertainment. We feel that no greater or more hurtful mistake could be and hope the good is dawning upon us when the Christian people shall look upon the Sunday School as indeed a school with the Bible, in which none ever graduate as text books; and that shall feel called upon to enter the Sunday School with the idea of educating for the work of the Master. Hence our aim should in our Sunday School work be threefold: 1st, Throw around the children and unbelievers a salutary influence to save them, if possible, from the ruinous influence of sin, and constrain them by Godliness and truth to a saving faith in Jesus. 2nd, To develop church members into useful Christian workers. 3rd, To look out those who manifest special qualifications for teaching, and train them for Sunday School teachers.

We would also make the following recommendations:

1st. That the churches each see to it that there be Sunday Schools enough organized in its bounds to afford all its members reasonably convenient Sunday School privileges.

2nd. That the churches have full and constant control of the Sunday School work in their bounds, and that the church elect or appoint the officers and teachers of each school, and that these officers and teachers be considered real officers of the church and subject to its orders.

3rd. That this Association adopt the Convention Board Series of Sunday School literature published at Nashville, Tenn.

4th. That the Association have a Sunday School Board of five appointed, who shall take in hand the Sunday School interest within the bounds of this Association, and who shall cause Sunday Schools to be organized where they are needed.

and who shall arrange program for our fifth Sunday conventions and do anything else that in their judgment will be for the best interest of the Sunday School work, and that this Board report annually to the Association.

5th. That this Association elect the officers of the Sunday School Convention. Respectfully submitted,

J. I. ELLZEY,  
J. R. CARTER,  
Committee.

Upon the adoption of the above report, the following-named brethren were appointed as an Executive Board of the Sunday School Convention, viz: Rev. J. R. Carter, D. A. Scarborough, Jas McKeen, W. C. Maxwell and G. W. Johnston, and G. W. Johnston was elected by acclamation to serve as President of Sunday School Convention W. S. Varnado, Vice-President and A. C. Buckley, Secretary, to serve during the next Associational year.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, would submit the following:

That the press is mightier than the sword has been verified. Daily it sends forth its silent messengers, Sunday School books and religious newspapers, reforming man thereby, causing him to approach nearer that sphere in which he was when God breathed into his dust the breath of life. Its powers are both trans-Atlantic and cis-Atlantic. It is doing much in the evangelization of the world. Essentially so like autumn leaves before the tempest's blast, come the poisonous works—literary slop—which degrade man and hurls him into the dark abyss of eternal destruction. The printing press has done much to rescue man from a gambler's and drunkard's hell. It has assisted in breaking the shackles from woman and she no longer stands as the weaker vessel, but the equal of man throughout the gilt-edged borders of Christendom. The mind of man is a great store-house that must be filled either with the good or the evil fruits of the pen. Then sow good seeds by placing in their bounds wholesome literature, that good fruit may be produced. To be an intelligent people we must read, and that literature that bears upon the Bible—the Book of Books. The Book which is the sheet of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, leading the pilgrims to a land of rest. We would then ask the pastors of this Association to urge their members to study the Bible and to take and read one or more religious



papers. We would recommend the following papers: The Southern Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Miss.; The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.; for Sunday Schools—Kind Word Series, published at Nashville, Tenn., and the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, all of which will proclaim in thunder tones the love of Jesus and his works. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. DALE,  
G. M. BUCKLEY.  
Committee.

#### REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Your Committee would report that system is necessary to the success of any enterprise, and that giving is one of the great agencies for the development and extension of God's kingdom and should be engaged in as devoutly and as systematically as any part of the worship in that kingdom. The New Testament sets forth clearly and unmistakably a system for gathering means for the advancement of God's cause; hear what the Scriptures saith: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord God hath prospered him," etc. Thus God, who is most of all interested in the success of his kingdom, and who knows best of all what is necessary for its success, has recommended a systematic plan of giving, which is so full and complete that it seeks to reach every individual member and to secure regular contributions as the Lord may prosper him. Your committee deems it unnecessary to argue a point so plainly taught in God's word. We would simply urge upon the churches to strive to carry out the scriptural teaching on this subject and to introduce the scripture system of securing regular contributions from each individual member of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. THORNHILL,  
J. P. CULPEPPER,  
J. R. CARTER.

#### REPORT ON VOCAL MUSIC.

We, your Committee on Vocal Music, would submit the following:

Vocal Music is of heavenly origin and is part of the worship of God, so much so that it is the introductory service on nearly all occasions in our effort to worship him. It is a talent that he gave his creatures and requires them to cultivate it that

they may sing his praises in the spirit, and with the understanding that if his children do not cultivate and improve this talent he will hold them accountable for their neglect.

It is a sad fact that Vocal Music in our country churches—or in most of them—is of very poor quality, there being few in each church who can read music, while the rest of the congregation sing at random. Singing is a part of the worship of God. We should study the science of Vocal Music and learn enough of it at least to read the music, that in this important and pleasant service we will not have discords and jargons.

We would therefore earnestly request each pastor of the churches composing this Association, and each delegate to impress upon their churches the importance of a knowledge of Vocal Music, and request them to have vocal schools taught, that their congregations may learn to sing as they should sing "to time," with accent, emphasis, etc. Then will their congregations, and not until then, sing with the understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SCARBOROUGH, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

We, your Committee on Sustentation, beg leave to submit the following:

We believe that when ministers of the Gospel are by age or afflictions disabled for ministerial duties, such having in the days of their strength been actively engaged in the work of the Gospel ministry and now in their afflictions are destitute of visible means of support, that it would be a good work for the churches of this Association to raise contributions for the support of such ministers and forward such contributions to the Association to be placed in the hand of the Treasurer, to be distributed as the churches may direct or necessity may require.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. PRICE, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report:

We find on examining the report of the letters that the All-wise One has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved members, namely: W. C. Maxwell, Sr., and wife, Frances J.



Maxwell, and Thos. K. Maxwell, all of Bethel church, who lived to a ripe old age and had been consecrated members of said church for many years. W. C. Maxwell was a deacon from its organization until his death, which occurred in February, 1893. He and his wife are both sleeping in the same grave, there only being a few hours between their death. Thomas K. Maxwell was a consecrated member for fifty years and departed this life in the 81st year of his age. Brother Gordan Hammonds, a member of Holly Springs church, has gone to his reward; he died in his 83rd year. Brother John Coon, from Pleasant Hill church, has passed over the river of death and is no more. Two have been called from Providence and one from Cedar Grove. Sister Annie Ward, a member of Hepzibah church, has been borne to that country from whence no traveler e'er returns. Magees Creek reports four. Bro. Charlie Waters and W. S. Daniels. One has been called from New Hope church, Lawrence county, in the person of Sister Surbrina Neal, in the 82nd year of her age and had been a member 27 years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. KYZER,  
H. F. MOAK.

#### REPORT ON ABSTRACTS.

Your Committee would beg leave to report the following:

- Antioch—Reports peace, but lukewarm. C. P. Sheppard, pastor.
- Bethel—Reports a gracious revival. J. Jasper Green, pastor.
- Black Jack Grove—Reports being in good condition. B. H. Martin, pastor.
- Crooked Creek—Reports a glorious revival, baptized 27. J. C. Buckley, pastor.
- Cedar Grove—Reports a revival. J. R. Carter, pastor.
- Clear Springs—Reports a precious revival. W. B. Holcombe, pastor.
- Columbia—Reports being in a good condition, baptized 10. J. R. Carter, pastor.
- Ebenezer—reports peace. T. E. H. Robinson, pastor.
- Holly Springs—Reports a prosperous condition. A. Burnett, pastor.
- Hepzibah—Reports a profitable year's work. S. Morris, pastor.
- New Hope—Reports a good condition, baptized 23. R. R. Turnage, pastor.
- Magee's Creek—Reports peace. R. R. Turnage, pastor.
- Providence—Reports lukewarmness. A. F. Davis, pastor.

Pleasant Hill—Reports a revival. B. A. Crawford, pastor.

Silver Creek—Reports peace, but in a lukewarm state. R.

J. Boone, pastor.

Society Hill—Reports a prosperous condition. J. R. Carter, pastor.

Shiloh—Reports that the Lord has blessed them. C. P. Sheppard, pastor.

New Hope, Lawrence—Reports lukewarmness. L. J. Bullock, pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. TURNAGE,

J. W. COX.

Committee.

#### REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your Committee would submit the following:

That we have apportioned as follows to the several churches composing this Association the following amounts for the general work in the Master's cause, and would earnestly urge upon the churches, that they make a bold effort in securing said amounts from their membership during the next Associational year. Antioch, \$5.00; Bethel, \$15.00; Black Jack Grove, \$5.00; Columbia, \$25.00; Cedar Grove, \$15.00; Crooked Creek, \$25.00; Clear Springs, \$10.00; Ebenezer, \$15.00; Hepzibah, \$10.00; Holly Springs, \$10.00; Magee's Creek, \$10.00; New Hope (Lawrence) \$5.00; New Hope (Marion) \$5.00; Pleasant Hill, \$15.00; Society Hill, \$40.00; Silver Creek, \$15.00; Shiloh, —; Providence, \$10.00. Total, \$235.00.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. JOHNSON, Chairman.

#### FINAL REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, would submit the following final report:

That Bro. J. P. Culpepper preach the next introductory sermon and Elder R. R. Turnage alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. T. DAUGHDRILL, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, would submit the following report:

That we have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and

and it correct and amply sustained by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. BUCKLEY, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. S. BUCKLEY,

In account with the Pearl River Baptist Association:

1893.

Sept. 9—To amount on hand from last year.....	\$150 45
Sept. 9—To amount received for State Missions.....	133 40
Sept. 9—To amount received for Home Missions.....	24 05
Sept. 9—To amount received for Ministerial Education.....	20 90
Sept. 9—To amount received for Foreign Missions.....	88 35
Sept. 9—To amount received for Associational Fund...	52 75
Sept. 9—To amount received for Centennial Fund.....	6 50
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	\$476 40

CREDITS.

Sept. 9—By amount paid Secretary Convention Board for State Missions.....	\$141 05
Sept. 9—By amount paid Secretary Convention Board for Foreign Missions.....	29 45
Sept. 9—By amount paid for Ministerial Education....	14 90
Sept. 9—By amount paid W. J. Armstrong for printing and distributing minutes.....	42 80
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	\$228 20
To amount on hand.....	\$248 20
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	\$476 40

September 9, 1893.

N. S. BUCKLEY, Treasurer.



## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to forward all monies in his hands for Missions to the Secretary of the Convention Board.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this Association be authorized to superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer for money necessary to defray the expenses of the same.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby extended to the members of this church and citizens in this vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Clear Springs Baptist church, Lawrence county, Miss., 18 miles east of Monticello, at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1894, and continue in session until Tuesday following.

R. R. TURNAGE, MODERATOR.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

Chairman.

Station:

\$150 45  
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## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Number of Minutes.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Sunday Schools.	Ladies Aid Society.	Time of Meeting.
Antioch.....				8	1		72	16					
Bethel.....			2	1	1	3	81	20			1	1	3
Black Jack Grove.....	4	2		8	7		25	10					
Columbia.....	10	9		3	2	1	94	30	1	2	1	1	1
Cedar Grove.....	5	1	2	8	6	1	93	30			1	1	2
Crooked Creek.....	29	3	6	9	2		175	20			1	1	1
Clear Springs.....	11	1	2	1			56	20		1	1		2
Ebenezer.....	3				5		107	35		1			1
Hepzibah.....	1	6	1	2	2	1	96	16					3
Holly Springs.....	6				5	2	92	20			1		1
Magee's Creek.....		3		3	1	4	102	25			1		
Pleasant Hill.....	13		1	3	3	1	103	30			1		
Providence.....	11	9	4	5	9	2	146	40					
Society Hill.....	20	3	1	9	10		186	40			2		4
Silver Creek.....	1	3		7	1		110	30					4
Shiloh.....	1	14		1			45	20			1		1
New Hope, Marion county...	23	2		12	1		164	30	2		2		2
New Hope, Lawrence county	3	2			15	1	54	10	1				4
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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## CHURCHES.

	Associational purposes.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Incidental.	Ministerial Education.	Paid visiting Ministers.
Antioch.....	1 60	22 00				5 00	27 93
Bethel.....	1 00	4 00				5 00	30 09
Black Jack Grove.....	3 00	29 00	33 90	16 50	35 05	5 00	
Columbia.....	3 00	12 80	7 20			5 00	
Cedar Grove.....	2 00	20 00			5 00	5 00	15 60
Crooked Creek.....	2 00	10 50			3 75	5 00	
Clear Springs.....	4 00	3 05	3 05	3 05		5 00	2 00
Ebenezer.....	1 60	6 25					4 35
Hepstbah.....	2 00	2 00					
Holly Springs.....	3 00	9 30	15 00		1 00	5 00	
Magge's Creek.....	4 00	47 15	65				
Pleasant Hill.....	4 00	2 65	2 00		18 00	5 00	22 65
Providence.....	4 00	5 00			5 00		15 95
Society Hill.....	3 00	10 00			10 90	5 00	
Silver Creek.....	1 00	1 00					
Shiloh.....	6 55						
New Hope, Marion county.....	52 75	181 70	61 80	19 55	78 70	35 00	118 48
New Hope, Lawrence county.....							
Collection from congregation.....							

CHURCHES.	Counties.	Post Offices.	Names of Delegates.	Pastor.
Antioch.....	Marion...	Buford.....	J T Graham, W N Ford, J D Holmes.....	C P Sheppard...
Bethel.....	Lawrence..	Monticello..	S W C Maxwell, Josiah Miller, W C Maxwell..	J J Green.....
Black Jack Grove.	Marion...	Carley.....	John Pitman, Benj Holmes, Willis Watts.....	B H Martin....
Columbia.....	Marion...	Columbia....	J R Carter, W C Mobley.....	J R Carter.....
Cedar Grove.....	Marion...	Hooker.....	J W Cox, G D Robertson.....	J R Carter.....
Crooked Creek...	Lawrence..	Oak Vale....	G W Johnston, A C Buckley, J T Dale, J P Culpeper.	J C Buckley....
Clear Springs...	Lawrence..	Carley.....	Wade Polk, R C Murray.....	W B Holcomb..
Elbenazer.....	Marion...	Oak Vale....	W H Thompson, Mac Avery.....	T E H Robinson.
Hopzibah.....	Lawrence..	Dale.....	D A Scarborough.....	S Morris.....
Holly Springs...	Marion...	Dale.....	A A Beard, W A Graham, W F Daunaway.....	R R Turnage...
Magee's Creek...	Pike.....	Sartinsville.	J D Thornhill, J I Elzy, W J Stovall.....	B A Crawford..
Plasant Hill....	Lincoln...	Boguesville.	H F Moak, J Q Kizer.....	A F Davis.....
Providence.....	Lawrence..	Sartinsville.	J B Cothran, J A Beard.....	J R Carter.....
Society Hill....	Lawrence..	Dale.....	W J Armstrong, S T Price.....	R J Boone.....
Silver Creek....	Lawrence..	Monticello..	Eligah Williamson, Jas E McKeen, C P Sheppard.	C P Sheppard..
Shift h.....	Marion...	Buford.....	R R Turnage, J M Turnage, W E Turnage, H Pitman	R R Turnage...
New Hope.....	Marion...	Buford.....	R R Turnage, J M Turnage, W E Turnage, H Pitman	R R Turnage...
New Hope.....	Lawrence..	Monticello..	L J Bullock, J A Russell, T V Neal.....	









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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

PEARR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Clear Springs Baptist Church,

LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISS.,

SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 11TH, 1894

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